

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

FROM: THOMAS J. PRENDERGAST, M.D.
Director of Public Health

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL EVENT AMBULANCE PERMIT AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
AGREEMENT WITH PRIORITY ONE MEDICAL TRANSPORT, INC.**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the issuance of an ambulance service permit to Priority One Medical Transport, Inc. (Priority One) for the provision of advanced life support (ALS) services for special events within San Bernardino County.
2. Acting as the governing body of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), approve agreement with Priority One Medical Transport, Inc., authorizing ALS services for special events only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Section 31.081(a) of the County Code defines a special event as any situation where a previously announced event places a grouping or gathering of people in one general locale sufficient in number, or subject to activity that creates the need to have one or more ambulances at the site. Ambulance services at special events can be provided by either the ambulance service possessing a regular ambulance operating permit for the area or a special events operator as selected by the special events promoter. A special events permittee is limited to providing services only at special events within the County. Issuance of a special events permit is subject to the same requirements as a general ambulance permit. This includes submission of an application for a permit that includes the level of service which the applicant proposes to provide as well as other information such as written statements that qualified personnel and approved equipment will be utilized. The application is reviewed by the County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and a recommendation for approval or denial is made to the County Health Officer. ICEMA inspects the equipment and reviews a final list of personnel and qualifications prior to the applicant attaining operational status.

The California Speedway (Speedway) conducts activities requiring a need for ambulance services at special events. The Speedway recently selected Priority One to provide these services effective March 1, 2000. An application for a special events permit was submitted by Priority One on January 3, 2000. The application was initially reviewed by the San Bernardino County EMCC on January 20, 2000, and was unanimously recommended for approval on February 10, 2000. The Department recommends approval of issuance of a permit to Priority One for special events only. Upon approval of a special events ambulance permit by the Board of Supervisors, the County Health Officer shall grant authorization to Priority One to provide special event ALS ambulance services under the County's EMS Transportation Plan.

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Priority One proposed providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) services as a special events permittee. State law requires that providers of ALS service be authorized by the local emergency medical services agency (EMS), ICEMA. The ALS agreement authorizes Priority One to provide ALS services during special events only in compliance with State laws and regulations, and local EMS agency policies and procedures. Approval of the ALS authorization agreement by the governing Board of ICEMA is requested.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This permit issuance has been reviewed by County Counsel and recommended by the San Bernardino County EMCC. The ALS authorization agreement has been reviewed by County Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of these actions imposes no additional cost on the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Second District

PRESENTER: Thomas J. Prendergast, M.D., Director of Public Health